

*Nursing home care* means care and treatment furnished to an individual who has been admitted to a nursing home as a resident.

*Outpatient care* means care and treatment, including preventive health services, furnished to an individual other than hospital care or nursing home care.

*Preventive care* means care and treatment furnished to prevent disability or illness, including periodic examinations, immunizations, patient health education, and such other services as the Secretary determines necessary to provide effective and economical preventive health care.

*Respite care* means care furnished on an intermittent basis for a limited period to an individual who resides primarily in a private residence when such care will help the individual continue residing in such private residence.

*Spina bifida* means all forms and manifestations of spina bifida except spina bifida occulta (this includes complications or associated medical conditions which are adjunct to spina bifida according to the scientific literature).

*Vietnam veteran* means the same as defined at § 3.814(c) of this title.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 101(2), 1801-1806)

#### § 17.902 Preauthorization.

(a) Preauthorization from a preauthorization specialist of the Health Administration Center is required for health care consisting of case management, durable medical equipment, home care, professional counseling, mental health services, respite care, training, substance abuse treatment, dental services, transplantation services, or travel (other than mileage at the General Services Administration rate for privately owned automobiles). This care will be authorized only in those cases where there is a demonstrated medical need. Applications for provision of health care requiring preauthorization shall either be made by telephone at (800) 733-8387, or in writing to Health Administration Center, P.O. Box 65025, Denver, CO 80206-9025. The application shall contain the following:

- (1) Name of child,
- (2) Child's social security number,

- (3) Name of veteran,
- (4) Veteran's social security number,
- (5) Type of service requested,
- (6) Medical justification,
- (7) Estimated cost, and
- (8) Name, address, and telephone number of provider.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (a) of this section, preauthorization shall not be required for a condition for which failure to receive immediate treatment poses a serious threat to life or health. Such emergency care should be reported by telephone at (800) 733-8387 to the Health Administration Center, Denver, CO within 72 hours of the emergency.

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(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 101(2), 1801-1806)

#### § 17.903 Payment.

(a)(1) Payment under this section will be determined utilizing the same payment methodologies as provided for under the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs (CHAMPVA) (see 38 CFR 17.84).

(2) As a condition of payment, the services must have occurred on or after October 1, 1997, and must have occurred on or after the date the child was determined eligible for benefits under § 3.814 of this title. Also, as a condition of payment, claims from approved health care providers for health care provided under this section must be filed with the Health Administration Center, P.O. Box 65025, Denver, CO 80206-9025, no later than:

(i) One year after the date of service; or

(ii) In the case of inpatient care, one year after the date of discharge; or

(iii) In the case of retroactive approval for health care, 180 days following beneficiary notification of authorization.

(3) Claims for health care provided under the provisions of §§ 17.900 through 17.905 shall contain, as appropriate, the information set forth in paragraphs (a)(3)(i) through (a)(3)(v) of this section.

(i) Patient identification information:

- (A) Full name,